

MORETON VALENCE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2018

PRESENT

Cllrs Mrs L Bushell [Chairperson], Messrs J Dickinson, W Weaver, R Dickenson, Mrs M Smith, Mr Andy Beamish [Neighbourhood Warden], Mr Daniel Tiffney [Gloucestershire Highways Dept.], Mrs A Szabo [Parish Clerk] and 2 members of the public.

18/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Davies [County Councillor], Cllrs G Oxley and D Mossman [District Councillors]

There were no other apologies for absence.

18/002 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November were examined were signed as a true record.

Typos were noted by the Clerk.

18/003 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Mr Andy Beamish was welcomed and went on to outline his history in the role and the job role itself, as well as the area he covers. He stated that he keeps an eye out for fly tipping and litter problems encountered in the parish.

18/004 MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER'S MINUTES

Commissioner's Bid – Moreton Valence to lead this bid. It was noted that an initial meeting with other Severn Voice Councils has been set for 19th February. The Clerk was asked to request that there is confirmation on attendance.

Verge Cutting – The Clerk has received confirmation that there will be an increase of 2.7% (£7.72) from the contractor. She is still waiting confirmation on how much Gloucestershire County Council will fund.

18/005 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no pecuniary interests declared by Councillors to items on the agenda.

18/006 ROAD SAFETY

Cllr L Bushell reported that she had attended the Road Safety meeting on behalf of the Council. She reported that the same issues appear to get discussed and there is little progress made. Recent data on accident levels suggest that there is improvement on all but motor cycle accidents. It was therefore, agreed to focus on this area. Detailed data analysis would be available for the next meeting with a view to drawing up an action plan.

Following correspondence from a parishioner, Daniel Tiffney reported that the road markings outside Putloe House were looked at when the scheme was designed and deemed to be safe. He stated that he would send a full response to the householder.

Daniel was also asked to investigate the deep hole that is linked to work being carried out at the Castle, Castle Lane, at the edge of the carriageway.

18/007 PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH ALONG A38

A set of photographs illustrating Councillors' concerns were circulated and given to Daniel Tiffney. The cost of resurfacing the footpath is estimated at £60,000 which could be match funded by the County Council. A full safety audit has been carried out by the County Council and it was deemed to be safe in accordance with their policy. Councillors questioned this. A full report would be forwarded. Other sources for funding would be investigated and it was suggested that a phased approach may be beneficial.

18/008 FLOODING ISSUES IN CHURCH LANE

Daniel Tiffney reported that the drains had been jetted but the outfall ditch needs clearing. He stated that he would arrange for Stroud District Council to write to all riparian owners of the ditch to get it cleared and offered assistance in this if required.

It was also reported to Daniel that there have also been recent flooding issues in Castle Lane. Daniel said that he would investigate this.

The Chairman thanked Daniel for attending.

18/009 FINANCE

a) Cheques for signature

| Cheque Number | Amount | Payee | Reason |
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| 450 | £413.00 | Mrs A Szabo | Clerk's wages plus £12 home/office allowance and £138.99 expenses |
| 541 | 65.60 | HMRC | PAYE |
| 542 | £12.50 | Payroll | Payroll |
| 453 | £100.00 | Stroud District Council | Contribution Neighbourhood Warden Scheme |
| 454 | £100.00 | St Stephen's PCC | Donation |

General Power of Competence is used as the Power of first resort for all spending

b) Budget Review – The budget to the end of November 2017 was checked and agreed by Councillors.

c) Precept – The pre-arranged Budget for the year 2018/19 was discussed by the council. It was proposed by Cllr L Bushell and seconded by Cllr W Weaver that the Precept should be set at £4500. This was carried unanimously.

18/010 PLANNING

a) New applications received.

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| S.17/2713/HHOLD | Swallows Court Moreton Valence | Installation of proposed new Drainage System |
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There were no objections to this application but concerns were raised regarding possible environmental and flooding issues.

b) Decisions made by Stroud District Council

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| 17/0008/STMAJW | Smiths | Withdrawn |
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There were no new decisions received from Stroud District Council.

c) To receive Appeal Decision from the Planning Inspectorate

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| S.16/1776/FUL | St Joseph's Travellers Park | Approved |
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17/011 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report received

18/012 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Appendix A

18/013 NEW DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Clerk informed the Council that she had become aware that there were new Data Protection Regulations that the Parish Council must be compliant with by 26th May. She would like to go on a training course with regard to this but at the moment it appears that the Parish Council will have to employ an independent Data Protection Auditor. The Clerk stated that she would keep Councillors up to date.

18/014 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The date for the Annual Parish meeting was set as 11th May. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the normal Parish Council Meeting will also take place on this date.

18/015 COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

It was requested that the Council review the Parish Plan at its next meeting.

There was no other information to pass on to Councillors.

17/016 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from the public

18/017 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Chairperson

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